

**Please amend Claims 1 and 5-9 as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) A non-reciprocal circuit element comprisingin which a common electrode is disposed on one surface of a plate-like magnetic material, three central conductors protruding in respective directions from atthe periphery of the common electrode that are folded over the other surface of the plate-like magnetic material so as to wrap around the plate-like magnetic material, and the central conductors cross each other at a predetermined angle on the other surface of the plate-like magnetic material, wherein

one of the central conductors that functions as an input is disposed in a position closer to the other surface of the plate-like magnetic material as compared with the other central conductors and directly contacts the plate-like magnetic material.

2. (Original) A non-reciprocal circuit element according to Claim 1, wherein the central conductor functioning as the input closely contacts the other surface of the plate-like magnetic material.

3. (Original) A non-reciprocal circuit element according to Claim 1, wherein the plate-like magnetic material, the common electrode, and the central conductors are contained in a hollow yoke of an approximately rectangular parallelepiped made of soft magnetic materials, and at least two sides defining the hollow yoke are each 4 mm or less.

4. (Original) A non-reciprocal circuit element according to Claim 1, wherein one of the central conductors that functions as an output is disposed on the central conductor functioning as the input on the other surface of the plate-like magnetic material.

5. (Currently Amended) A non-reciprocal circuit element according to Claim 41, wherein a length of an overlap portion of the central conductor

functioning as the input and the central conductor functioning as the output in an intersection of the central conductor functioning as the input and the central conductor functioning as the output is 10% or more of a length of portions of the central conductors disposed on the other surface of the plate-like magnetic material.

6. (Currently Amended) A non-reciprocal circuit element according to Claim 41, wherein the central conductor functioning as the input and the central conductor functioning as the output are connected to a matching capacitor and the other central conductor is connected to a matching capacitor and a terminating resistor.

7. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:  
the non-reciprocal circuit element as set forth in Claim 1;  
a transmitting circuit part connected to the central conductor functioning as the input of the non-reciprocal circuit element; and  
an antenna connected to the central conductor functioning as anthe output of the non-reciprocal circuit element.

8. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:  
the non-reciprocal circuit element as set forth in Claim 2;  
a transmitting circuit part connected to the central conductor functioning as the input of the non-reciprocal circuit element; and  
an antenna connected to the central conductor functioning as anthe output of the non-reciprocal circuit element.

9. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:  
the non-reciprocal circuit element as set forth in Claim 3;  
a transmitting circuit part connected to the central conductor functioning as the input of the non-reciprocal circuit element; and

an antenna connected to the central conductor functioning as  
the output of the non-reciprocal circuit element.

10. (Original) A communication apparatus comprising:  
the non-reciprocal circuit element as set forth in Claim 4;  
a transmitting circuit part connected to the central conductor  
functioning as the input of the non-reciprocal circuit element; and  
an antenna connected to the central conductor functioning as  
the output of the non-reciprocal circuit element.

11. (Original) A communication apparatus comprising:  
the non-reciprocal circuit element as set forth in Claim 5;  
a transmitting circuit part connected to the central conductor  
functioning as the input of the non-reciprocal circuit element; and  
an antenna connected to the central conductor functioning as  
the output of the non-reciprocal circuit element.

12. (Original) A communication apparatus comprising:  
the non-reciprocal circuit element as set forth in Claim 6;  
a transmitting circuit part connected to the central conductor  
functioning as the input of the non-reciprocal circuit element; and  
an antenna connected to the central conductor functioning as  
the output of the non-reciprocal circuit element.